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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensing and regulation of plumbers and
2 mechanical professionals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 103A.5, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Administer and enforce section
1 4 104C.10A relating to plumbing and mechanical systems work.
1 5 Sec. 2. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 6, subsection
1 6 4, is amended to read as follows:
1 7 4. To the extent practicable, the examination administered
1 8 by the board shall be reasonably related to the area of the
1 9 plumbing and mechanical systems industry in which the
1 10 applicant will practice. An examination shall be evaluated in
1 11 accordance with the rules of the board. After each
1 12 examination, the board shall certify the names of the
1 13 successful applicants to the department in the manner
1 14 prescribed by the department. The department shall then issue
1 15 the proper license and make the required entry in the registry
1 16 book.
1 17 Sec. 3. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 6, is amended
1 18 by adding the following new subsection:
1 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department, in consultation with
1 20 the board, shall develop, and make available to applicants for
1 21 licensure, a study guide to assist applicants in preparing to
1 22 take the examination.
1 23 Sec. 4. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 9, subsection
1 24 2, is amended to read as follows:
1 25 2. The board shall set the license fees and renewal fees
1 26 for all licenses issued pursuant to this chapter, by rule,
1 27 based upon the costs of sustaining the board and the actual
1 28 costs of licensing. The renewal fee for a licensee who is a
1 29 contractor shall be one percent of the net sales of the
1 30 business.
1 31 Sec. 5. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 11, is
1 32 amended by adding the following new subsection:
1 33 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Apply to a person who is performing
1 34 work for a family member within the third degree of
1 35 consanguinity, or a residential neighbor of the person.
2 1 Sec. 6. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, section 19,
2 2 subsection 1, is amended to read as follows:
2 3 1. An applicant for a master license or renewal of an
2 4 active master license shall provide evidence of a public
2 5 liability insurance policy and surety bond in an amount
2 6 determined sufficient by the board by rule. To the extent
2 7 practicable, the board shall base the insurance and bond
2 8 requirements on the type and amount of work performed by the
2 9 applicant.
2 10 Sec. 7. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 198, is amended by adding
2 11 the following new section:
2 12 NEW SECTION. 104C.10A INSPECTIONS.
2 13 All plumbing and mechanical systems work in new
2 14 construction, and all repair work on plumbing and mechanical
2 15 systems costing more than two thousand dollars, shall be
2 16 inspected by the state building code commissioner or an
2 17 independent building inspector appointed by the commissioner.
2 18 The fee for this inspection shall be one percent of the total
2 19 cost of the plumbing and mechanical systems work, with a
2 20 minimum charge of fifty dollars.

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EXPLANATION

This bill requires the plumbing and mechanical systems
examining board to test applicants for licensure in the area
of the plumbing and mechanical systems industry in which the
applicants will practice and requires the board to develop
study guides to assist the applicants.
The bill exempts from the licensing requirements persons
doing work for family members and residential neighbors.
The bill sets the license renewal fee for a contractor at 1
percent of the net sales of the business. The bill requires
that insurance and surety requirements be based on the type
and amount of work performed by the applicant.
The bill requires the state building code commissioner to
inspect all plumbing and mechanical systems work in new
construction, and all repair work on plumbing and mechanical
systems costing more than \$2,000. The fee for this inspection
shall be 1 percent of the total cost of the plumbing and
mechanical systems work, with a minimum charge of \$50.
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